

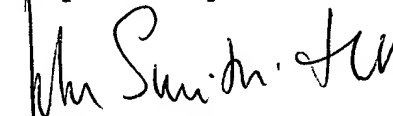
REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is necessary to reinstate the word "at" which appears at the original page 6, line 16 and was inadvertently omitted from the amended version of the paragraph starting at page 6, line 11 presented in the reply to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2004.

As explained at length in the reply to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2005, the present invention is concerned with operating on the transport streams, not the elementary streams that make up the single program transport stream. A drawing that illustrates schematically where the smoothing buffer recited in claim 1, for example, is located in the signal flow is submitted herewith. The accompanying drawing shows that the smoothing buffer receives a single program transport stream from the demultiplexer (specification, page 4, lines 4-5). The SPTS(CBR) is delivered from the buffer to the decoder for decoding (specification, page 4, lines 6-7).

In view of the foregoing remarks, entry of this amendment and allowance of claims 1-7 are urged, and such action and the issuance of this case are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



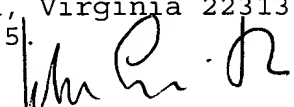
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